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National Park Service Announces Contract to Construct Flight 93 National Memorial Visitor Center

Shanksville, PA – The National Park Service (NPS) announced today that URS Group, Inc. (URS) of Morrisville, North Carolina was awarded the construction contract for the Flight 93 National Memorial Visitor Center. The award marks a significant milestone in telling the story of 40 brave passengers and crew whose courageous actions on September 11, 2001 thwarted a terrorist attack on our nation's capital.

The project includes the construction of a new Visitor Center (which includes the Flight Path and Portal Walls), a pedestrian bridge, additional site improvements and site utility/infrastructure work. The new visitor center is planned to open to the public in September 2015.

"We are grateful for the many generous donations from individuals and businesses around the country and for the support of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to make this possible. URS intends to subcontract with many western Pennsylvania firms and we are pleased that approximately 60% of the total construction contract will be completed by these companies." said Jeff Reinbold, Flight 93 National Memorial Superintendent.

Approximately 320,000 visitors came to the National Memorial last year. The Visitor Center will be a place where they can learn about the story of Flight 93 and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The facility will also provide an indoor gathering space for viewing the memorial.

The National Park Service has worked with the Families of Flight 93, Flight 93 Advisory Commission, and the Friends of Flight 93 on the creation of each phase of this National Memorial. The National Park Foundation, the official charity of the National Park Service, led the private fundraising effort through its Flight 93 National Memorial Capital Campaign. The Campaign supplemented federal and state funding by raising \$40 million in private support from more than 110,000 individuals, foundations, and corporations to support this and previous phases of construction.

About the Flight 93 National Memorial: On Sept. 24, 2002, Congress passed the Flight 93 National Memorial Act. The Act created a new national park unit to commemorate the passengers and crew of Flight 93 who, on September 11, 2001, courageously gave their lives thereby thwarting a planned attack on our nation's capital. The memorial is near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, where Flight 93 crashed with the loss of its 40 passengers and crew. For more information about the Flight 93 National Memorial, please visit www.nps.gov/flni.

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